GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:513
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2007
MISSING PERSONS
Bhagora Shri Mahavir

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of missing women, men and children reported during each of the last three years, separately, State-wise;

(b) the number of such persons traced and handed over to their family members during the said period till date;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to trace out all the missing persons;

(d) whether the government proposes to computerize the above mentioned details; and

(e) if so, the time by when above mentioned data is likely to be computerized?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO H.GAVIT)

(a) & (b): The State/UT-wise details of missing women, men and children as also the number of persons traced, as reported to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) by the States/UTs, for the years 2004 to 2006 are enclosed at Annexure -I to III.

(c) to (e): `Police` and `Public Order` are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and therefore, the State Governments are primarily responsible for prevention, detection, registration and investigation of crime. The Union Government, however, attaches highest importance to the matter of prevention of crime and therefore, has issued advisories from time to time to the State Governments/ UT Administrations to take such measures as are necessary for prevention and control of crime. NCRB collects information through the State Crime Records Bureaus (SCRBx) under the computerised system called `TALASH`, which is an integrated system for linking various types of persons, i.e. Missing, Kidnapped, Deserted, Wanted, Escapee, Arrested, Unidentified Persons, Unidentified Dead Bodies, Traced and Proclaimed Offender for the purpose of co-ordination and dissemination of the information to the concerned States. Under the Nationwide project called Common Integrated Police Application (CIPA) of Police Station computerization, information relating to all cases registered at Police Stations including those of missing persons and unidentified dead bodies will be maintained and shared. The computerised database of missing persons of all age groups is available on NCRB website `http://ncrb.nic.in`.